

## POSTMASTER HURD SAYS HE'LL FIGHT CHARGES OF GIRL

Haworth Official Avers Arrest  
Is Due to Frame-Up and  
Blames Sister.

SON GOT AN AFFIDAVIT.

In Paper Shown Girl Exoner-  
ated Federal Official of Charge  
She New Brings.

(Special to The Evening World from  
a Staff Correspondent.)

HACKENSACK, N. J., April 12.—

Postmaster George A. Hurd of  
Haworth announced to-day that he  
would fight the case brought against  
him by Martha L. Conrad, the seven-  
teen-year-old sister-in-law of his  
sister, Mrs. Jessie B. Conrad, to the  
finish.

Mr. Hurd was arrested yesterday  
on a warrant charging him with im-  
conduct with Miss Conrad. Asserting  
that his arrest was a frame-up, the  
Postmaster caused the arrest of his  
sister, the girl and her two brothers,  
William and Henry Conrad, on a  
charge of conspiracy.

The Postmaster was arrested on a  
warrant issued by Justice of the Peace  
Charles Howe of Dumont and was  
subsequently released in \$1,000  
bail.

The warrant charging conspiracy  
was issued by Justice of the Peace  
Thomas H. Cummings of Hackensack  
and served in that city yesterday.  
Miss Conrad and her sister-in-law  
had been held as material witnesses  
and the girl's brothers had gone to  
Hackensack to arrange for bail.

All four were released on nominal  
bail and returned to the home of Mrs.  
Conrad at No. 283 West One Hundred  
and Seventy-seventh Street, Manhat-  
tan. While in the Sheriff's office at  
Hackensack Mr. Hurd's sister and  
Miss Conrad were extremely bitter  
against the Postmaster, and the  
brothers declared they would "go the  
limit."

The quartet accused him of the pa-  
ternity of a child, according to one  
of the officials in the Sheriff's office.  
Miss Conrad is well developed and  
attractive. She had been in the em-  
ploy of Postmaster Hurd for nearly  
three years, and, according to her  
complaint, Mr. Hurd had taken her on  
trips to Atlantic City and to New  
York.

She charged also that he was re-  
sponsible for the recent illness she  
suffered. Prosecutor Hurd will pre-  
sent the case to the Grand Jury of  
Bergen County when it meets next  
week.

Edwin C. Irion, counsel for Hurd,  
says the arrest of Mr. Hurd is part  
of an attempt to blackmail.

The postmaster is a man of fifty-  
two, short and stout. He is married,  
and has a son of twenty-two and a  
girl of sixteen. He says that both  
will be witnesses against Martha  
Conrad when his case comes up for  
trial.

"There is absolutely no truth in the  
girl's charges," the postmaster said  
to-day at Hackensack. "The whole  
thing is a frame-up engineered by  
my sister, and back of it is a lot of  
family trouble which I do not care  
to air at this time."

"I treated Miss Conrad with every  
consideration while she was in my  
office and she has expressed herself  
to that effect. I don't know whether  
there is any politics behind my arrest  
or not. I will prosecute the case to  
the end."

Mr. Hurd is secretary of the Na-  
tional League of Postmasters. He  
was appointed postmaster by Roose-  
velt, served through the Taft admin-  
istration and was recently reappoint-  
ed by President Wilson.

"I think Mr. Hurd's record in this  
county will go far toward establish-  
ing public confidence in him," said  
E. C. Irion, his chief attorney.

"His son, A. H. Hurd, came to me  
in his father's absence and told me  
of demands which had been made under  
threats of publicity and said that he

## Women Look Like Clothespin Dolls In Dame Fashion's Latest Silhouettes

Buttons, Buttons Everywhere, Belted Coats, Wide  
Skirts of Various Kinds and Shoes of at Least  
Two Colors Most Striking Features  
of the Season's Wear.

Cross Between De Medici and Sailors in Collars—  
Rain Falls to Keep Well-Dressed Men and  
Women Off Fifth Avenue, Especially  
After Church Services.

By Marguerite Moers Marshall.

There are a few of the things we're wearing:  
1. At least one wide skirt, and not infrequently two of them.  
2. A coat with a belt—it may be beneath the arms or about the hips,  
but it must be somewhere.  
3. Buttons in every imaginable place and in some  
that are unimaginable.  
4. Hats that are either small and flat or snug and  
adorable.  
5. Shoes showing at least two colors and two  
materials.



No much I learned from 17th Avenue yesterday,  
even if incoherent Miss April did her best to spoil  
The Evening World's Fashion Sunday. After sulking  
cloudily and shedding tears at intervals all the morn-  
ing, she apparently repented and condescended to a half-mile just after 12  
o'clock, when the churches opened their doors. Though occasional drops  
fell, the sun was almost out, and many smartly dressed persons went away  
taxis and motor cars and braved the moist pavements, which at least were  
free from snow and slush.

Perhaps the one most significant feature of New York's fashion  
this year is the change in the feminine silhouette. No longer may it be  
compared to a string bean or a knitting needle. It is rather a cone, and the  
woman who wears the small round Gleanery hat looks not unlike the  
clothespin doll, staple article at church fairs.

The narrow skirt is as defi-  
nitely and emphatically out as  
the short skirt is in. There is  
only the choice between degrees  
of wideness. The circumference  
of every skirt has increased, but  
this increase is brought about in  
various ways. Sometimes it is  
simply a matter of cutting the  
gores wider toward the bottom,  
as in the plain circular skirt, the  
most effective model for stout  
women. Sometimes the added  
width is provided by pleats,  
stitched to the knee and falling  
open the rest of the way. I saw  
one smart model box-pleated all  
the way around, the pleats reach-  
ing from waist to hem and ap-  
parently pressed into position.

### THE DOUBLE AND TRIPLE SKIRTED SUITS.

In other skirts, even of such ma-  
terials as serge and gabardine,  
the design shows gathers either at  
the waistline or attached to a fitted  
yoke, which extends well over  
hips. Many of the skirts are in two  
or even three parts, worn over each  
other. When there is only one over-  
skirt, it is wider than the underskirt,  
and nearly as long—sometimes there  
is only an inch or two between the  
hems. In the silk frocks the under-  
skirts are often of a different pattern  
from the upper. I saw one in which  
the top skirt, reaching nearly to the  
knee, showed broad blue and white  
stripes, while beneath its rippled  
edge were two other skirts of plain  
dark blue silk.

Every skirt is at least four inches  
from the ground, and the latest models  
scurry reach the boot tops, even  
when worn by women well along in  
years. Serge, gabardine, cheviot, and  
silk and wool poplins are worn, and a  
very dark blue, almost a black, is the  
shade of the season. I saw a few  
gowns yesterday, and a scattering of  
browns, but dark blue was unques-  
tionably the "leader."

In a few beautifully tailored suits  
touches of gold were used most ef-  
fectively on a background of dark  
blue. The very long overskirt of one  
of these gowns was picked out  
along the hem with a half-inch  
fringe of gold colored chenille. Just  
had been to New York to see Miss  
Conrad. He said that the girl had  
completely exonerated his father, and  
I prepared an affidavit which I told  
him to take to New York and have  
the girl sign before a notary public.

An affidavit signed by Martha L.  
Conrad and attested by William M.  
Goodard of New York, notary public,  
was shown a reporter of The Evening  
World. In it the girl declared that  
Mr. Hurd had always treated her in a  
gentlemanly manner, had never  
taken advantage of her in any way  
and that he was not the father of her  
unborn child.

"My father knew nothing of this  
affidavit until I had Martha sign it,"  
said the younger Mr. Hurd. "But my  
aunt knew of it."

## Countess of Granard Has a Son; She Was Miss Beatrice Mills



LONDON, April 12.—The Countess of  
Granard, who was Miss Beatrice Mills,  
daughter of Ogden Mills of New York,  
has given birth to a son. He will have  
the courtesy title of Viscount Forbes.  
The Earl and Countess of Granard  
have two other children, both girls.

## ACCUSED OF ROBBING HIS MOTHER'S GUEST

Mrs. Fisher's Jewels Vanish, and  
Youth Who Resented Inquiry  
Is Arrested.

James Hutchinson, eighteen years  
old, will be arraigned in the West  
Side Court to-day, charged with  
stealing \$200 worth of jewelry from  
Mrs. J. R. Fisher of Newburgh, N. Y.,  
a visitor at the home of young  
Hutchinson's mother, at No. 461 West  
Fifty-sixth Street. The youth has  
confessed, according to Detectives  
Kilgallon and Noar, who arrested  
him at 1 o'clock this morning and  
took him to Police Headquarters.

The jewelry—several rings, two  
bracelets, two pins and a silver mesh-  
bag—disappeared Saturday. Mrs.  
Hutchinson called in the detectives,  
who questioned the boy. Young  
Hutchinson became indignant and  
ordered them out of the house. Last  
night they followed him, saw him  
enter a house on West Forty-third  
Street, where he called on a young  
woman, and then followed him to a  
restaurant, where he was seized. He  
broke down and told where he had  
hidden the jewelry, the detectives say.

## FRENCH LINER NIAGARA CHASED BY SUBMARINE

The French liner Niagara came  
into port to-day from Havre with a  
story of being pursued by a German  
submarine on her last eastward voy-  
age. March 24, at 5 P. M., about  
seven miles off the entrance to Cher-  
bourg harbor, the periscope of a sub-  
marine was sighted about three-  
quarters of a mile astern.

Cap. Jean ordered full speed, and  
soon had the boat making fourteen  
knots. The submarine was unable  
to hold this rate of speed, and after  
two hours of pursuit dropped out of  
the race.

## WOMAN FIGHTS HOTEL FIRE. Prevents Panic and Calls Apparatus Without Alarming Guests.

Mrs. Marie Johnson, proprietor of the  
St. Marks Hotel, No. 613 St. Marks  
avenue, Brooklyn, traced smoke to the  
room on the ground floor of the  
five-story brownstone building at 2 A.  
M. to-day, and found the woodwork  
smoldering under an electric wire.  
She sent an employee to tell the  
thirty guests there was a small fire,  
but no danger, and tried to put out  
the blaze with a hand extinguisher.  
Failing, she sent in a special building  
call, which brought firemen and ap-  
paratus without the sound of a gong  
or siren. Four or five guests of the  
hotel came downstairs to see the fire-  
men work, but there was no excitement  
and the blaze was soon out, with trifling  
loss.

## MOURN FOR THE STRAUSES.

The auditorium of Public School No.  
1 was crowded last night at a memorial  
service for Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Straus,  
who went down with the Titanic three  
years ago. The service was held under  
the auspices of the League of Foreign-  
Born Citizens.

The speakers, Nathaniel Phillips,  
Samuel Dorf, former Gov. Sulzer and  
Miss Anne Rhodes, praised the Straus  
family's achievements and philan-  
thropy. Platon Brannon played a tone-  
drama, "Titanic," on the piano and  
Samuel Misels headed a men's choir.

## MINISTER'S DANCING RUINED HER HOME, DECLARES HIS WIFE

She Says Marital Troubles Be-  
gan When Rev. Wheeler  
Learned to Trot.

The Rev. Francis Holt Wheeler of  
No. 111 West Fifty-second Street, sta-  
tioned at the Episcopal Church in  
Court in Yorkville this afternoon by  
Christine Wheeler, his wife, who  
charged him with failing to support  
her. He was for eight years, until  
last June, Episcopal chaplain of St.  
Luke's Hospital. He delivers lectures  
for the Board of Education and he was  
until four months ago President of the  
Authors and Composers' Association,  
of which he was also the founder.

Mrs. Wheeler, looking wan and de-  
jected, testified she supported herself  
as a writer and sculptor until she  
was married to her husband in Cana-  
da fifteen years ago. They have a  
son, Roger, thirteen years old, and a  
daughter, Mona, one year old. When  
she suffered a nervous attack last  
September, Mrs. Wheeler testified,  
her husband kept her two weeks in a  
sanatorium at Rockville Centre, L. I.,  
then took her to a boarding house at  
Burlington, N. J., while he made his  
home in New York.

She declared her husband failed to  
pay her board last March and that  
she was put out of the house. She took  
her baby to No. 509 West One Hundred  
and Twenty-first Street, where she  
is now without means, she said.

The boy, Roger, testified he lived  
a while with his father at No. 509  
Lexington Avenue, but left because  
he did not approve of his father's con-  
duct.

Mr. Wheeler declared he is without  
a charge now, and that he does not  
make \$1,000 a year, as his wife alleges,  
but barely gets by a week. Magis-  
trate Cornell ordered him to pay his  
wife \$7 a week and put him on pro-  
bation.

"He was a good husband and a de-  
voted father," said Mrs. Wheeler,  
"until he learned to dance the new  
dances, about two years ago."

## "TIPPERARY" SHOCKS METHODISTS IN CHURCH

Hebrew Boys' Band Departed From  
Programme at Memorial  
Service.

A musical feature of the Lincoln  
memorial celebration at Calvary Meth-  
odist Church, One Hundred and Twen-  
ty-ninth Street and Seventh Avenue,  
last night, was the boy's band from the  
Hebrew Orphan Asylum. At the open-  
ing of the services the band was sta-  
tioned in a room off the gallery.

Rev. Dr. William H. Morgan, pastor  
of the church, opened the proceedings  
with a few announcements and took  
his seat in the pulpit. Immediately  
the strains of "It's a Long Way to Tip-  
perary" burst from the band.

Many in the large congregation  
were shocked. Others were amused.  
The piece was played through and  
then Dr. Morgan announced that the  
selection was not on the programme,  
but that it was appreciated in the  
same spirit that had actuated the  
Hebrew Orphan Asylum band in play-  
ing it. Loud applause followed this,  
but during the rest of the evening the  
band stuck to the programme.

## DRIVES FROM FLORIDA IN BUGGY AND DIES

Ormond Man Stricken in Jersey  
City as Wager Feat  
Nears End.

Henry P. Davis, a well-to-do resi-  
dent of Ormond Beach, Fla., fell in  
the street near City Hospital,  
Jersey City, shortly before noon to-  
day and was dead before aid could be  
summoned.

Davis probably died from overexer-  
tion in carrying out the provisions  
of an election bet. He arrived in  
Jersey City last night driving a jaded  
horse, which exacted compassion  
from bystanders. He told a police-  
man who was about to arrest him  
that he had driven from Ormond  
Beach, starting six weeks ago. He  
had the horse cared for and went to  
a hotel, sending a wire to a brother  
in Trenton to the effect that he had  
lost his way.

The brother verified the story of  
the trip north in a buggy. Davis had  
made an election bet with a friend  
in Ormond Beach. If he lost he was  
to drive all the way to Trenton, N. J.,  
and if he won his friend was to  
sail from Florida to Portland, Me.,  
in a small motor launch.

Morristown's Police Chief Dead.  
MORRISTOWN, N. J., April 12.—  
Chief of Police J. Frank Holloway died  
last night in the Memorial Hospi-  
tal following an operation. Chief Hol-  
loway was a policeman for thirty years.  
He was at one time Town Marshal, the  
sole police officer at the time. He was  
born in 1851, and before becoming a  
policeman travelled as manager for  
Major Todd, the famous animal man. In  
1879 he and George T. Allen formed Hol-  
loway & Allen's circuses.

WRONG TIME FOR ADVERTISING.  
(From the Cincinnati Register.)  
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no reason why an undertaker should  
talk shop when he is visiting a sick  
friend.

## GERTRUDE ATHERTON IS SERIOUSLY SICK; TAKEN TO HOSPITAL



Gertrude Atherton, the novelist, is  
seriously ill in St. Luke's Hospital,  
where she was taken from her home,  
No. 420 West One Hundred and Six-  
teenth Street, on Thursday. It was  
thought an immediate operation would  
be necessary, but Mrs. Atherton's con-  
dition was so much improved yester-  
day that this may be avoided.

It was said at the hospital to-day  
that the writer would not be able to  
return to her home for some time.

## GASOLINE EXPLODES, FIREMEN ARE BURNED

Ridgely Park Volunteers Fail to  
Look Out for Tank at Garage  
Fire and Blast Sears Them.

When the garage of B. Adler in  
Laurel Street, Ridgely Park, N. J.,  
caught fire to-day the local volunteer  
firemen were quick in getting a  
stream on the flames, but failed to  
look inside the garage. They stood  
on the sidewalk holding their hoses,  
when the fire reached a tank contain-  
ing more than a barrel of gasoline.  
There was an explosion that sent a  
great sheet of flame in every direc-  
tion and knocked all the firemen down  
and scorched them.

Neighbors telephoned for ambu-  
lances while others dragged the fire-  
men to safe places and still others  
held the stream on the blaze. Joseph  
E. Cowen lost the skin of his face  
and hands and was knocked uncon-  
scious. His clothing caught fire.  
He was taken to the Hackensack Hos-  
pital.

Ira Hecht was so badly burned on  
the face, hands and body that he too  
was taken to the hospital. So was A.  
Supko, a repair man for the Public  
Service Gas Company.

Other firemen burned were Thomas  
J. Williams, Frederick Schmidt, his  
son Julius and his brother Harry.  
These four were able to go home.

## AUSTRIA SEEKS PEACE, RUSSIA AGAIN HEARS

Petrograd Papers Say Reports of  
Terms Being Asked Have  
Been Confirmed.

PETROGRAD, April 12 [United  
Press].—Petrograd newspapers again  
asserted to-day that Austria-Hun-  
gary has asked peace terms through  
a neutral power, presumably Switzer-  
land. Reports to this effect have  
been confirmed from authoritative  
sources, the newspapers asserted.

The fall of Petrograd and the fear  
that Italy and perhaps Rumania will  
enter the war on the side of the allies  
has created a spirit of despondency  
in Franz Josef's empire, according  
to dispatches received here.

The grain supply is rapidly becom-  
ing exhausted, according to Russian  
correspondents in Switzerland.

The feeling in the dual monarchy  
is that the ultimate effect of the war  
will be disastrous to the empire.

## TINY AU TOY YUET GETS A LICENSE TO WED LEE LING YU

Chinese Bridal Party Sweeps  
Into City Clerk's Office  
With Oriental Air.

Nothing so strange as what just  
entered from a house in the street  
of a Chinatown district in Can-  
ton, 1111 Au Toy Yuet, who was  
married last night at No. 30 West  
Street, to Lee Ling Yuet, in Chinese  
language, agreed with her husband  
and the whole bridal party at the  
office of City Clerk Seely in the Mu-  
nicipal building this morning for the  
purpose of procuring a marriage  
license.

Lee Ling Yuet, a student at the  
Bryn Mawr High School, is only  
twenty years old, so his parents  
Lee Yim Yuet and Ou Shue, had to  
come with him to give their consent  
to the issuing of the license. They  
brought along little Lee Oi, the  
bride's four-year-old sister, and the  
party was completed by the presence  
of 1000 plus of Boston, the maid of  
honor.

Au Toy Yuet was attired in gorge-  
ous silk and lace, and covered from  
head to toe with gold ornaments, set  
with precious stones. All the other  
members of the bridal party were in  
full Chinese costume and City Clerk  
Seely would have felt sadly out of  
the picture had it not been that the  
groom also wore a plain business  
suit.

The romance which began in Can-  
ton, where the young couple were  
sweethearts several years ago, will  
be brought to an official climax this  
afternoon when the Rev. John R.  
Henry of the Church of All Nations,  
will perform the marriage ceremony.  
The groom showed that he was just  
as nervous as a groom of the Occi-  
dent by forgetting that the license  
had to be paid for. When reminded  
by Mr. Seely he grained and said:  
"Oh, one buck-right!" and forth-  
with produced it.

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